

Walden Academy, Inc. Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 23, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Walden Main Campus, 1149 W. Wood Street, Willows,

California Call to Order and Attendance at: Board Members

M. Martin
J. Gladman
J. Mercado
N. Michaud
S. Von Bargaen

Pledge of Allegiance

Review & Approval of Agenda

Public Comments:

- COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR - At this time any person wishing to speak to any item not on the agenda will be granted three minutes to make a presentation to the Board of Directors.
- COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – Any person wishing to speak to any item on the agenda will be granted five minutes to make a presentation to the Board of Directors.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes: June 23, 2025 and August 26, 2025

Approval of Check Register: August 2025

Approval of Financials: August 2025

Staff:

Committee Developed Policy/Procedures:

Administrator/Board Member Reports

Financial Update
Superintendent's Report
PTC Update
Board Member Reports
Governance Committee
Planning Committee

Discussion/Action Items

1. **Education Protection Account Expense (M. Vanderwaal)** - The board will review and approve as necessary the 2024-2025 expenditure of \$556,144 from the Education Protection Account for certificated teacher salaries.
2. **Unaudited Financial Statements 2024-2025 (M. Vanderwaal)**- The board will review and approve as necessary.

3. **Board Elections (M. Martin)**- Discussion item only.
4. **6th Grade ELA Curriculum- ELA My Perspective (A. Calonico)**- The board will review and take action.

Closed Session

A. Public Employee Appointment / Employment / Discipline / Dismissal / Release (Government Code §54957)

1. Personnel Matters – Approval of New Hires
2. Personnel Matters – Approval of Terminations

Report Out of Closed Session

Pending/Upcoming Items

Announcements

1. **Next Regular Meeting:** October 28, 2025

Adjournment

Vision: "Walden Academy aims to foster integrity as the cornerstone of character development, guiding students to make principled decisions and embrace honesty, accountability, and perseverance. We nurture a supportive environment igniting curiosity and building a strong academic foundation, aiming to cultivate respected leaders who uphold these ideals in society."

Mission: Walden Academy is dedicated to fostering integrity, academic excellence, and social-emotional growth in our students. With small class sizes and low student to adult ratio, we create a nurturing environment that values curiosity, accountability, and perseverance, guided by the CARES traits. Utilizing Responsive Classroom and Toolbox strategies, we offer personalized intervention time and rigorous academics to instill a growth mindset. Our River Hawk STEM and Ag program connects students to their rural roots while preparing them for future success, supported by hands-on learning and engaging out of school learning experiences. We value and seek active partnerships with families and the community to enhance our students' educational experiences.

THE ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY BE CHANGED WITHOUT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be changed without prior notice.

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